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Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 12, 16, 20, 21, and 27 and add new claims 30 and 31 as indicated:

1. (Amended) A liquid handling system comprising:

a container having an interior for holding a liquid;

a storage means coupled to said container and for storing information relating to the
liquid;

a communication means for obtaining

information from the storage means; and

a controller means, coupled to said communication means and for

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